

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1897 without my signature.

The State Board of Education includes a student member whose participation brings a vibrant dynamic to the statewide policy debate. I am especially pleased with the contributions that the student member I recently appointed has brought to the current State Board. However, mandating that school districts appoint a preferential voting student member to local school board is unnecessary since existing law already provides a mechanism for student representation on local school boards. As such, I encourage all interested students to pursue the wonderful opportunity of being appointed to their local school board, under the provisions of current law.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger